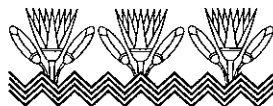


Upper and Lower Egypt

Until about 3000 B.C., Egypt was divided into two states: Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt. Upper Egypt included the territory south of the Delta on the two banks of the Nile. Lower Egypt occupied the Delta region. An Upper Egyptian king named Menes conquered Lower Egypt and formed a united kingdom with the capital located at Memphis.

Lower Egypt and Upper Egypt had different crowns for their kings so Menes combined these two crowns for his united kingdom. This combined crown was worn by a pharaoh to signify his rule over all of Egypt. The white crown was originally the crown of Upper Egypt and the red crown was the crown of Lower Egypt.



Project

Make two crowns of Egypt and combine them to signify rule over both Upper and Lower Egypt.

For the Teacher

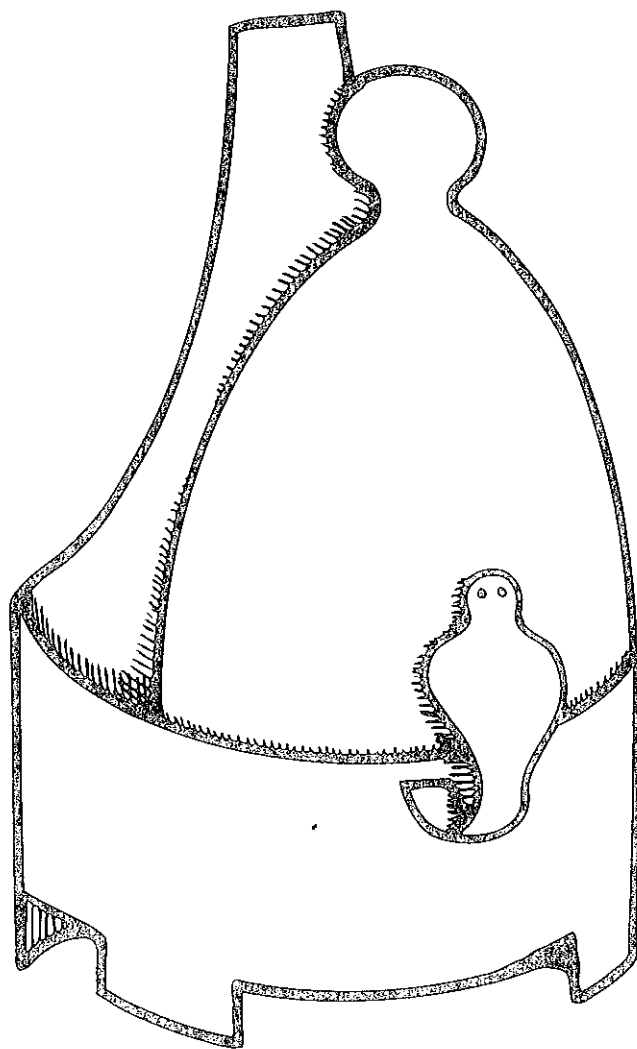
Make one copy of the Upper and Lower Egypt Patterns (pages 14–15) per student.

Materials

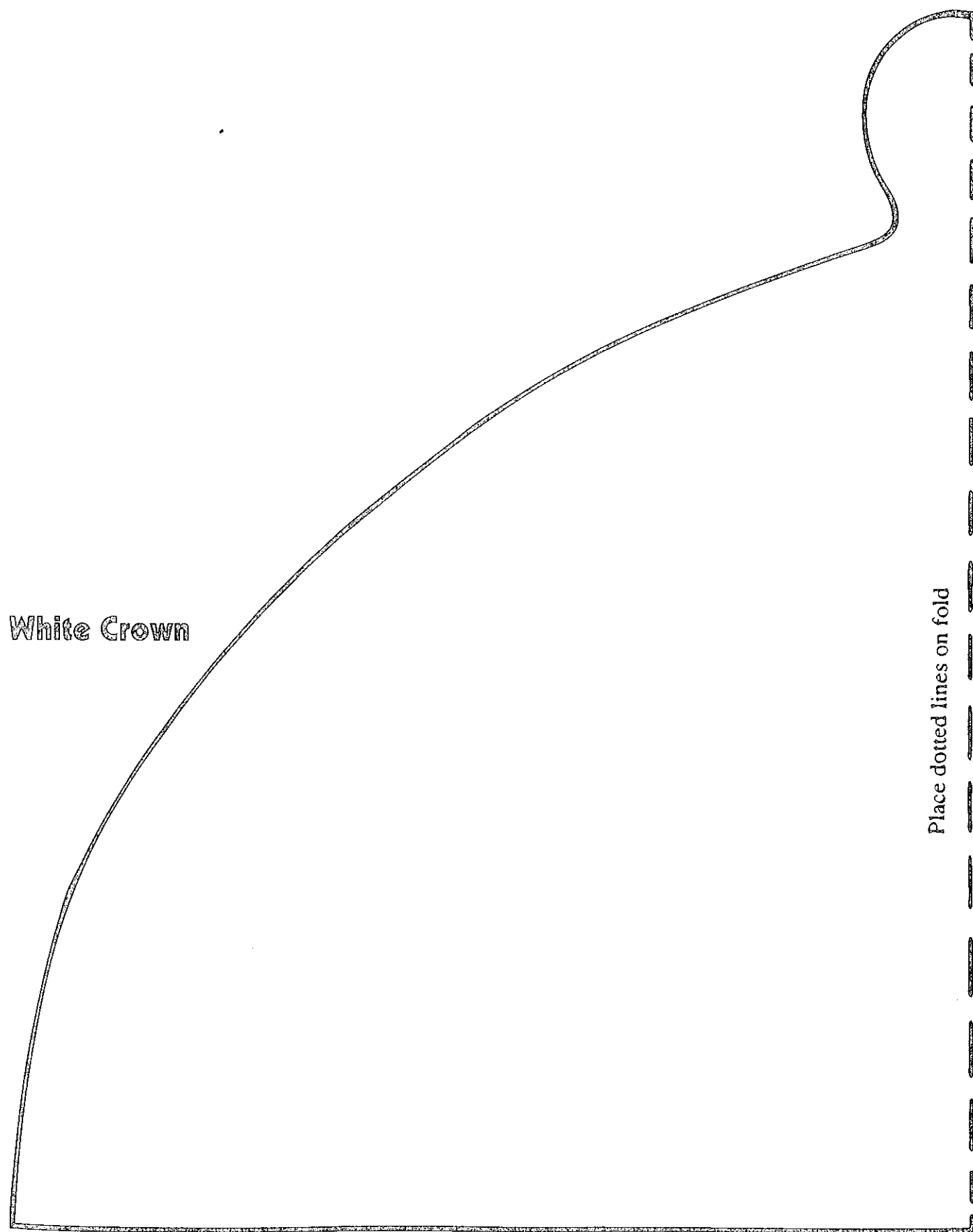
- white construction paper 12 x 18 inches (30 x 46 cm)
- red construction paper
- blue or gold construction paper
- stapler or tape
- scissors
- Upper and Lower Egypt patterns

Directions

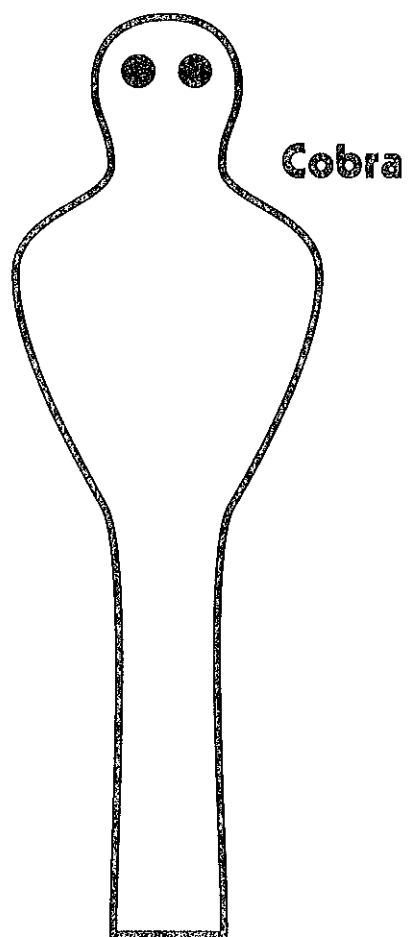
1. Fold the white paper in half across the width.
2. Cut out the pattern for the white crown. Place the dotted line on the fold of the white paper. Trace around the pattern and cut out.
3. Fit to head using extra strips of construction paper and secure with tape or staples.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 using the pattern for the red crown. Fit the red crown over the white crown, using extra strips of red construction paper.
5. Put the crown on your head and mark a box where each ear is. Cut out holes large enough to fit around each ear, so the crown will rest on your ears. Cut a window for your forehead.
6. Using the pattern, draw and cut out a cobra from blue or gold construction paper. Bend back the cobra's tail and attach it to the front of the crown. Tape the head of the cobra to the crown so that it does not fall forward.



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Red Crown

Place dotted lines on fold